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24th December, 1895. de25-4t

The Mayoralty.

*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

Having been solicited by many Ratepayers to again offer myself for re-election at the next annual Election for Mayor, I have much pleasure in acceding to their request, and beg to announce myself as a candidate for the ensuing year.

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# VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

### Continued Discussion in the Press of Great Britain—Thought of War Horrible.

### Cleveland's Precipitancy Disapproved—His Message a Piece of the History of the Past.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The discussion of the Venezuelan question continues with unabated vigor in all quarters. The Times this morning prints columns of correspondence on the subject. Andrew Carnegie writes to that paper in favor of arbitration, with a price fixed upon such territory as has been settled by the British, should their title be found defective. Col. Colquhoun, who recently visited America in connection with an investigation of the Nicaragua canal project, and who has, since his return to England, made various addresses on that subject, writes to the Times, offering his testimony that the Monroe doctrine is an abiding sentiment with Americans and must be considered.

The Vienna correspondent of the Times says the Neue Freie Presse ridicules the idea that a Russian fleet would assist the United States against England.

The Times' editorial says: "There was a tacit but significant vote of want of confidence in the refusal of congress to adjourn except over Christmas day."

The Standard, which is regarded as the conservative organ, remarks editorially that although Lord Salisbury declined to respond to the invitation of the New York World to express his sentiments on the question, his refusal was kindly in tone.

The Daily News says in an editorial: "The war message already seems a piece of past history, and the president has probably lost the effect of eight years of the most disinterested labor for the public good on the currency question. Our New York correspondent says his rashness has threatened the United States with bankruptcy, but it is impossible to believe that of a country which, both potentially and actually, is about the richest in the world."

At a meeting of the executive staff of the London Nonconformist Council, Dr. Clifford presiding, it was decided to telegraph a greeting to the Christian churches of America, expressing sympathy in their efforts to preserve the peace, and the hope that they would be crowned with success and thus enable England and America to co-operate on behalf of suffering Armenia.

The Chronicle, Liberal, considers that if the proposed commission be composed of men like Edward J. Phelps, Andrew White and George E. Edmunds, it must command respect, and that some further proposal from Lord Salisbury would become expedient and necessary. "It seems to us," says the Chronicle, "that he might offer to discuss the limits of the application of the Monroe doctrine, and perhaps even to submit the boundary question to arbitration."

The New York correspondent of the Times writes at length of the prospects for tariff and financial legislation by congress, and argues that normal party lines have largely reappeared, and the Republicans in congress have largely rescinded their indorsement of the Venezuelan message of the President. He also comments upon the call for peace from the pulpits of the country as indicating the subsidence of the war spirit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The World tomorrow will say: The World on Sunday sent to those leaders of church and state in Great Britain whose fame is best known in this country and whose word as to the actual state of British sentiment would carry here the most weight, brief cablegrams asking for expressions of their feeling as to the existing difficulty between the two countries. Some of the replies follow:

"EDINBURGH, Dec. 23.—I can only reply that I absolutely disbelieve in the possibility of war between the United States and Great Britain on such an issue as this, for it would be the greatest crime on record. History would have to relate that the two mighty nations of the Anglo-Saxon race, at a time when they appeared to be able to overshadow the world in the best interests of Christianity and civilization, preferred to cut each others' throats about a frontier squabble in a small South American republic. The proposition only requires to be stated to demonstrate its absurdity. All that is wanted is a level head and cool common sense in our governments. I congratulate you on the good work your paper appears to be doing in this direction. Rosebery."

"LONDON, Dec. 23.—Our common humanity and our Christianity would sternly condemn a fratricidal war. Every Christian patriot on both sides of the Atlantic must employ every effort to avert a curse that would strike us all alike. We are too closely bound to America by blood, respect and affection for her people to tolerate the idea of bloodshed. Let us remember the words: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.' Herbert Cardinal Vaughn, Archbishop of Westminster."

"DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Wholly unaware of the merits of the case. Can only express abhorrence of war in general. It will be deplorable if the wise precedents of 1871 cannot be followed. Archbishop of Dublin."

# CARDWELL'S DECISION.

### Election of the McCarthy Candidate—Willoughby About Two Hundred Short.

### Laurier's Man Hopelessly Left and Another Liberal Deposit Thus Forfeited.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The prediction so often made by Dalton McCarthy that whenever Cardwell was opened it would be secured by his candidate was fulfilled to-day by the election of Mr. Stubbs. The returns are not yet complete, but there is no doubt about the main facts—that Stubbs has a comfortable plurality and that the Liberal candidate has lost his deposit. Cardwell is an Orange stronghold, and Stubbs being a strong man and in the Conservative party the head of a substantial faction bitterly opposed to Willoughby, his election surprises no one acquainted with the facts. The smallness of Henry's vote is the striking feature of the day's polling, for at last election the Liberal candidate was only 250 votes behind R. S. White. It is apparent that Laurier and Liberalism are at a discount in Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—The bye-election in Cardwell to-day to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. S. White Conservative, resulted in the return of Stubbs, the McCarthy candidate, by about 200 over Willoughby, Conservative, and by nearly 800 votes over Henry, Liberal, who will lose his deposit. The election of Stubbs is due to the Orange Conservative voters, who took advantage of the fact that Stubbs was a Conservative and was with Manitoba on the school question. The result shows that Hon. Wilfred Laurier is not much of a factor in the impending elections.

[A couple of days ago the Times "whooped it up" on behalf of the opposition in Victoria by announcing in the boldest type which could be pressed into service, "Tide of Liberalism—The Liberal Wave Strong in the Dyed in the Wool Tory Riding Cardwell." It seems to have waved the wrong way for Liberalism.]

# CUBAN INSURGENTS.

### Havana Hourly Expecting to Be Besieged by the Enemies of Spain.

### Their Advances Seemingly Uninterrupted by the Flower of the Royal Forces.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—A late despatch says that Captain General Martinez de Campos has managed to get out of Colon and has placed himself at the head of the Spanish forces at Limoniere, 20 miles east of Matanzas, where he expects to be able to strike at the insurgents. Thousands of people from all parts of the country around Matanza are flocking into that city according to official despatches; but other reports say they are in the main offering to join the insurgents, who are being plentifully supplied with provisions by inhabitants of all towns along the route they follow.

The government has taken off almost all the restrictions from telegraphic and cable messages and allows all reliable news to be published. A report was circulated yesterday that General Oliver had been wounded and Generals Pratt and Godery killed in a battle with the insurgents. All these reports are incorrect. General Navarro has had several skirmishes with the insurgents while pursuing them towards the province of Matanzas, and killed 53 of them.

Christmas eve is ushered in with something very like dismay in the city, and the apprehension is hourly gaining ground that Havana will be besieged by armed forces before Christmas day is over. The advance of the insurgents last seemed at advices to be uninterrupted, contradicting reports during the afternoon that they had been turned back in a pitched battle by Campos himself and were striving to make their way back into Santa Clara province.


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# OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL.

### Hon. Dr. Montague Sworn in as Minister of Agriculture—Important Changes Anticipated.

### The Premier on the School Question—Shortis' Death Sentence Commuted—Alaska Boundary.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Hon. Dr. Montague was this morning sworn in as Minister of Agriculture. He took the oath of office at Rideau Hall this forenoon, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Hon. A. R. Dickey being present. Hon. J. A. Ouimet will be acting Secretary of State until such time as a minister from Quebec is appointed to take charge of that department, which has just been vacated by Dr. Montague. It is understood that Hon. L. P. Pelletier has been offered the position, and it is likely that he will accept. Hon. John F. Wood was also sworn in to-day as a member of the cabinet and a privy councillor.

Dr. Montague will, it is expected, make a model Minister of Agriculture and some important changes in the department may be looked for. In the position of Secretary of State he effected a saving of $10,000 a year in the working of the department. He already foreshadows a great change in his new department. The experimental farm work will be extended and a board of visitors of practical farmers appointed. A bee ranch will be inaugurated; cold storage experiments enlarged, farmers' bureaux of information established, horse breeding encouraged, etc. Dr. Montague is regarded as just the man to put through enterprises such as dealt with in this department.

The Premier has received a telegram from Winnipeg announcing the dissolution of the Manitoba legislature, the nominations being fixed for January 8 and polling on the 15th. On your correspondent asking Sir Mackenzie Bowell what he thought of Mr. Greenway's action, the Premier replied "It is just what I expected." The Premier was next asked his opinion of Mr. Greenway's statement that the Dominion government is acting in ignorance of the facts of the school question. "It is an assumption that is altogether unwarranted in the premises," the Premier replied. "This question has been before the country for five years; it has been before the courts five times; it was fully discussed by counsel representing the Manitoba government aided by the Minister of Education of the province, and surely after all the light which has been thrown upon the question it can hardly be said that we are in ignorance of the facts."

The cabinet to-day commuted the sentence of death passed on Shortis on the ground of insanity.

Boundary Commissioner King received a beautiful watch from his staff in closing up the work of the survey.

The award of the adjudicators in the Dominion History competition is not likely to be known until June.

## CLEVELAND'S COMMISSION.

### The President in a Quandary as to Whom He Shall Choose to Serve in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — President Cleveland is just now devoting a large share of his time to the consideration of the personnel of the Venezuelan boundary commission to the exclusion of practically all other public matters, including that of another bond issue, which latter he regards as temporarily, at least, in the hands of congress. In making his selections for the boundary commission, the President, it is said, will be guided by only one consideration, namely, that the members shall be men of international reputation, of high character and intellectual attainments. He will use the greater care in the selections for the reason that, it is said, the work of the commission will be of an exparte nature. It is thought the President is specially anxious that Chief Justice Fuller, of the U.S. supreme court, should head the commission, but there are said to be reasons why it would not be expedient for the Chief Justice to relinquish, even for a short time, his place as presiding officer of the court. Ex-Minister E. J. Phelps, it is believed, has already been offered a place on the commission, and if he has not accepted it is thought he will hardly do so. The name of ex-Secretary Robt. Lincoln was suggested, and it is believed the President now has it under consideration. The fact that Mr. Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme court, served on the Behring Sea Commission has naturally brought forward his name in connection with the Venezuelan commission, but there are good reasons to believe his name has been passed over.

Owing to the adjournment of the Senate and House no announcement of the commission is likely to be until late in the week.

TO-DAY being Christmas day, in order to afford the staff an opportunity of enjoying the festive occasion, there will be no issue of the COLONIST to-morrow morning.

THE Charmer last evening brought no Eastern mail.


FOR BRONCHITIS.

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# NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

**Fatal Accident While Loading a Vessel —Stage Driver Killed by Falling Tree.**

**Lumber Mills Destroyed by Fire—Winter at Grande Prairie—Doings at Nanaimo.**

(Special to the COLONIST.)

### VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—About 6:30 last night Cassidy's lumber mill caught fire by a lamp exploding in the engine room. A gale was blowing at the time, and the factory and kiln were soon in a blaze. In a few minutes Spicer's shingle kiln adjoining was in flames and both factories were destroyed with kilns and machinery. The fire brigades worked heroically and succeeded in saving the B. C. Jute mills and many private dwellings. The fire companies are receiving deserved praise from all quarters. The Cassidy company loss is about $20,000. Insured for $13,500 as follows: Queen's, $3,500; North American, $1,125; London and Canadian, $2,500; Manchester, $2,500; Union, $1,500; Phoenix of London, $2,375. Mr. Spicer lost his dry kiln, stock and machinery, valued at about $10,000. Insurance $4,200, as follows: London and Canadian, $2,000; Phoenix of London, $1,850; Phœnix, of Brooklyn, $350. Most of the British Columbia lumber shipped to California was exported by Cassidy & Co., while an immense number of cedar shingles annually went East from the Spicer Mills.

J. Wrighton, who was loading coal on a lumber laden steamer bound for Africa, on which he was going to ship, was struck on the head by coal falling from the bucket and instantly killed, on Saturday last.

Walt. Steves, who drives the Steveston stage, was late yesterday and was in a hurry to get away. He called at a grocery store. The proprietor said "wait a second, Walt., I have a parcel for you." Steves hurried out the door calling back "I can't wait, I'm late now." He jumped on the stage and with a shout he lashed his horses and was off. An hour later a big fir tree, lashed by the fury of the gale, snapped and fell striking poor Walt. on the head killing him instantly.

### NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Alfred and James Raper returned on Saturday afternoon from a several months' visit to Texada island. They state that the newly made road is a great convenience, and with the further expenditure of a few hundred dollars can be made of great practical service. The mining prospects are splendid, some of the samples brought down carrying large percentages of gold.

Sidney Ross Langdon, of Vancouver, and Miss Marguerite Watkins, of Whatcom, were united in marriage by Canon Good early yesterday morning. The couple left for Victoria en route to Whatcom.

Last evening at the council meeting the Sunday observance by-law, after discussion and many amendments in committee, passed its second reading.

The steamship Willapa called here on her way down from Alaska yesterday morning. She had 35 passengers and some freight, the latter including about six tons of ore from Sheep creek, three miles from Juneau.

Yesterday morning Constable Meen arrested Flo Hall and John Thompson as they were about to board the train for Victoria. The woman was charged with stealing $300 from one of her friends and Thompson was charged with being an accessory.

### GRANDE PRAIRIE.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Dec. 20.—Winter has set in and the snow has evidently come to stay. The thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

W. H. Jones has gone to Victoria with a carload of live stock, and is expected to spend a month in the provincial capital. Mrs. F. C. Jones and Miss Jones have also gone on a holiday trip to the Coast.

Mr. Rutherford, formerly of Ontario, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Smith.

J. Wilson, of Savona, recently sent a band of eight hundred cattle to winter on the ranch of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles Willard.

Miss Jessie Clemitson is visiting Mrs. Batchelor, of Kamloops.

The young men of this place propose giving a bachelors' ball on the 30th instant.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick and her daughter, Mrs. Talbot, have returned from their visit to Kamloops.

The semi-annual examination of the Grande Prairie school was held on the 20th inst. In addition to the ordinary examinations readings and recitations were given together with vocal and instrumental music, Miss Jenny Kirkpatrick presiding at the organ.

### DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Dec. 23.—The fortnightly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held on Wednesday. Letters were read from two unions asking pecuniary aid; also one from Miss Willard suggesting that each member contribute $5 toward paying off the debt on the "Temple" at Chicago. It was decided that the union could not at present accede to these demands. The next meeting will take place in four weeks.

A large number of the parents and friends of the children witnessed the closing exercises at the school on Friday. A very satisfactory "spelling match" was conducted by Rev. Mr. Spencer, Master Kenneth Duncan coming off victorious. Prizes for general improvement were awarded to the Misses Clara Duncan and Maude Lomas. Two prizes in each department had been offered by Rev. A. J. Leakey and Mr. Charles Bazett for the best composition on "Why I Belong to the Band of Hope." The first was given to Miss Isabel Holmes, whose paper was highly commended and read before the school; Master Leonard Foote received the second, while among the juniors Ethel Wisemiller and Allen Ford were awarded first and second prizes respectively. The children sang some pretty carols, and addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Leakey, Manuel and Spencer, Mrs. Holmes and Trustee Evans. The marked improvement in the discipline of the school since Miss Carmichael became teacher called for commendation, hope being expressed that she might long occupy her present position. The proceedings ended with the singing of "God Save the Queen" and three rousing cheers for the teacher.

### PENDER ISLAND.

PENDER ISLAND, Dec. 23.—The annual vacation entertainment was given by the scholars of the Pender Island school on Thursday last, the hall being crowded to excess with relatives and friends of the children. A varied and interesting programme of two parts had been arranged by the teacher, Miss Fanny Lawson, who deserves great praise for the excellent attainments of the scholars. The proceedings were of an interesting and instructive character, and the appreciation of the audience was manifested by their frequent applause. A special feature of the evening's gathering was the rendering of a dialogue in which the grown-up people took part, including the ladies, who were assiduous in their efforts to make the evening a pleasant one. A Christmas tree was also provided, laden down with useful presents, Santa Claus appearing on the scene to take part in the distribution.

### GALIANO ISLAND.

GALIANO, Dec. 23.—The semi-annual Christmas examination of the Galiano public school took place on Thursday, when a large number of friends and parents of the scholars were present. The school house was beautifully decorated. The children acquitted themselver in a manner very creditable to themselves and the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crockford. The following is the programme: Song of welcome, School; recitation, "The Figures," Nine little girls; song, "Up, Up in the Sky," Three girls; recitation, "Trades," Six boys; song, "The Light at Home," School; recitation, "The Twins," G. Rudd; song, "Sunbeams," School; dialogue, Six boys; recitation, "The Smack in School," Bessie Rudd; song, "The Soldier's Song," School; "Gather Round the Christmas Tree," School.

A Christmas tree followed, which supplied each of the children with a suitable present. At the conclusion reference was made by different speakers to the way in which the children had conducted themselves, and passing high encomiums on the teacher. Mr. J. W. Sinclair, teacher of the Mayne Island school, gave an instructive address to the little ones, pointing out the necessity of law and order in every school, illustrating his remarks with anecdotes.

The Mayne Island school examination took place on Friday, a large audience being present. The room was profusely decorated with flags and evergreens and presented a gay appearance. A lengthy programme, consisting of recitations, dialogues and part songs, was well carried out, special mention being deserved by Andrew Georgeson, Fritz Heck and Carrie Cullison. The teacher, Mr. J. W. Sinclair, deserves great credit for the excellent work done during the term. The following is the programme: Christmas hymn, audience; song, school; recitation, "My First Recitation," Robt. Trachsler; dialogue, "Preparing for a Picnic," four boys and four girls; song, "My Nelly's Blue Eyes," school; recitation, "A Little Boy's Speech," Fritz Heck; exercise song, "Hold the Right Hand Up," seven little girls; dialogue, "Recess speeches," five boys and five girls; song, "The Shaking of the Hand," school; recitation, "What I Know About Corns," Andrew Georgesen; exercise song, "Sing, Sing, Sing," seven little girls; recitation, "How to Cure a Cough," Carrie Cullison; instrumental music, Mr. D. Morge: dialogue, "The Bet," A. Georgesen and Stanley Robson; "Gather Around the Christmas Tree," school. Santa Claus afterwards made his appearance among the children and presented each with a handsome present from the tree which had been generously provided by the friends of the scholars.


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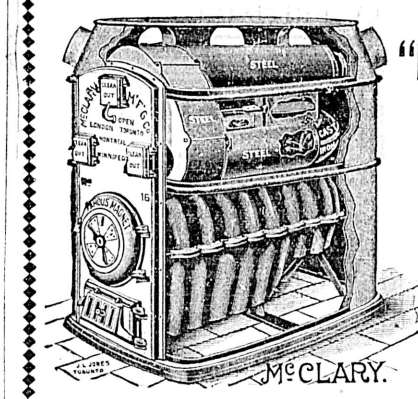


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MATERNITY (late Samaritan Home), has moved into larger premises, at 199 Johnson street. Applicants please apply at the Home, or to Mrs. Higgins, Cadboro Bay Road, or to Mrs. Flumerfelt, Gorge Road.

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CHARLES KENT,
R. H. HALL,
Executors of the Will of the Late George Williscroft,
Victoria, B.C., December 5, 1895. de6-1m

# KOOTENAY MINES.

### Mr. J. M. Kellie Predicts That Next Year's Output Will Aggregate Ten Millions.

### A Large Quantity of Ore Being Held for Smelting in the Province.

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M. P. P. for the north riding of West Kootenay, arrived yesterday by way of Nanaimo. Though he said there was nothing particularly recent in mining news from his district to report, yet the development of the mines in the North as well as in the South riding was steadily advancing and the results were eminently satisfactory. Up to two weeks ago the amount of ore shipped and realized upon for the present year for West Kootenay was about $2,225,000, and had the snow come earlier and facilitated the rawhiding of ores, the amount for this year would have exceeded three millions of dollars. The actual output of ore cannot be ascertained because a great deal of ore is being held back for the purpose of shipping it to the smelters in Kootenay. The amount amount given by him is only that realized for the ore shipped to the American side.

A large smelting plant is being erected at Trail Creek by Mr. Heinze, who has a contract from the Le Roi and other mines in Trail Creek district to reduce their ore at that point. The works are on a large scale, capable when completed of treating 150 tons a day, and with the slight additional cost of adding another stack or two will be able to treat 240 tons of ore per day.

The ore that is now accumulating at the mines will be shipped to these works as soon as sufficient snow falls to make good sleighing. Adding this ore to the amount exported will bring the output of West Kootenay up to four or five million dollars for 1895. The Trail Creek and Pilot Bay smelters and the smelter now being erected at Nelson by the Hall Mines Co. will divert from the American smelters a great deal of ore that they are now receiving, and will give British Columbia the additional benefit derived from the reduction of the ores at home.

Mr. Kellie believes, from personal observation, that the large district from the international boundary to and including the Big Bend, will before long have many mining camps quite as important as Rossland on the Slocan. The Big Bend country, which has been hampered in the past for want of proper communication, is, he considers, one of the greatest gold fields in the province. A new discovery was made recently at the head of the North Fork of the Illecillewaet and Downy creek, about twenty miles from Albert canyon, on the C.P.R. The quartz runs 200 to 400 ounces in silver and very high in gold. Mining men who have examined that vicinity say there is a large section of fine mining country awaiting the prospector there.

The Lardeau and Fish Creek districts are now going ahead and will become heavy producers in the immediate future.

In the Illecillewaet three mines are being worked on a considerable scale this winter—the Lanark, Maple Leaf and Isabella—with the prospect of several others commencing work in the spring. A conservative estimate of the output of West Kootenay for next year is, he believes, $10,000 000, under favorable conditions. Within three years this should increase to at least twenty-five million dollars per annum.

## "CANADA NOT VENEZUELA."

### Montreal "Star" Offers to Equip a Regiment in Event of Trouble With the United States.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—(Special) — The Star newspaper offers to equip a new regiment with the Lee-Metford rifle and to look after the relatives of its men during a war if one should be declared between the United States and Great Britain. In announcing this offer the Star says the tone of the entire press of the United States indicates that Canada and not Venezuela is the real object of American ambition, and it adds that if "Our neighbors are really prepared to shed their blood and to squander their money in the hope of subjugating a free people who dislike their political institutions then it is high time for Canadians to prepare themselves for the emergency."

## WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

### Archbishop Langevin on the Situation—Presentation to Colonel Boswell.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Archbishop Langevin announces his intention of departing for Baltimore in a few days to be present at the conferring of the red hat on Cardinal Satolli on January 5. His Grace will first visit St. Isidore, Quebec, thence proceeding to Baltimore. His Grace did not express much surprise at the action of the Greenway government in calling on the elections. He said all that could be done was to await the action of the Dominion government.

F. H. Francis, ex-M.P.P., of the Manitoba legislature, is dead.

Col. Boswell, the retiring colonel of the 90th battalion, was presented with a locket and chain by the members of the officers' mess last night.

## "QUEEN LIL'S" GOOD CHARACTER.

### Likely to Receive "Full Pardon" for Trying to Vindicate Her Right to the Throne.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Advices from Hawaii to the local papers are to the effect that President Dole and his cabinet are so well pleased with the way in which the ex-Queen Liluokalini has conducted herself since her release on parole that the granting of her full pardon is under consideration.

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# A RUSH ORGANIZING.

### A Free Gold Ledge Just Discovered to the North of Alberni

### Assaying Many Thousands of Dollars to the Ton—Miners Still More Sanguine.

Mr. Thomas Tugwell, who left Alberni on Monday morning, reports the town full of people, the hotels being crowded and several new buildings in process of construction. The feeling is buoyant and the utmost confidence is felt and expressed in the future of the mines.

An important discovery was made last week in a hill north of Mineral Hill, not far from the town of Alberni. A free gold ledge was found, specimens from which were brought to Alberni Tuesday night. They are richly studded with gold and will assay many thousands of dollars to the ton. The discoverer said the ledge was 20 inches in width and that in a creek which cuts through the ledge he had found float rock in which the gold was plainly visible.

A rush was organizing for the new field when Mr. Tugwell left. Mr. Tugwell has taken up several claims down the canal and outside the railway belt. The rock is highly mineralized and free gold is visible in some of the specimens. Fifty pounds of the rock will be brought down by the Maude. Mr. Tugwell, who has examined the country thoroughly, predicts a brilliant future for Alberni and will return to the district early in the new year.

## TO OPPOSE GREENWAY GOVERNMENT.

### Candidates to Be Brought Out in Every Constituency in the Province.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—(Special)—At a meeting of Conservative leaders held here it was the unanimous opinion that the Greenway government should be opposed in every constituency and that the Conservatives in each constituency should take immediate steps to place candidates in the field. Much dissatisfaction was declared about the manner in which the registration clerks have compiled the voters' lists, but, notwithstanding this, much enthusiasm and general confidence was expressed. The opposition platform on the school question will shortly be announced.

## SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

### The "Edith" Makes Her Initial Trip to Victoria—Large Passenger List.

The steamer Edith in command of Captain Clancy and manned by the crew of the Schome, arrived here from the Sound on her first regular trip yesterday morning. She had a large number of passengers on board, the following being a list: Ross Eckart, Miss Davis, W. J. Watkins, W. Kirsht, J. A. Charley, F. Moore, W. Turner, A. E. Simpson, M. J. Johnson, S. Johnson, Miss Roe, G. Knight, T. Begg, W. H. Leicester, P. Tyson, W. Irving, A. Carter and mother, J. C. Bishop, J. E. Church, M. Doushay and wife, A. Finlayson, C. McArthur, C. J. A. Osborne, J. A. King, A. Hutt, C. E. Barrows, G. H. Richardson, P. H. Kenny, T. Murray, C. Galliher, H. W. Carter, C. Stephenson and T. Herbert.

MARINE NOTES.

To spend Christmas day at sea will be the experience of the following Victorians, who left on the steamship Umatilla last evening: J. L. Chapman, Miss C. Beauchamp, Mrs. M. M. Myers, F. Stedman, H. D. R. Steward, D. Marsh, J. M. Jenkins and John Campbell.

The schooner Diana cleared yesterday on a sealing cruise to the Japan coast. She carries a crew of 19 whites and will be in charge of Captain Andrews.

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## PLUMPER PASS JUSTICE.

TO THE EDITOR:—In reference to the letter in Thursday's issue of the Semi-Weekly Times signed by Mr. Stephen Hoskins, in which he condemns the decision of the justices of the peace in the recent case at the Pass, permit me to reply through your valuable columns that the misapprehension of Mr. Hoskins and the public generally on these islands as to the facts of the case in question point to the necessity of having a court room on Mayne Island, as on former occasions the court was held at the Mayne Island hotel, the proprietor of which was the defendant in the case. For some reason, on this occasion, the hearing was conducted in the small drawing-room instead of the large dining room as heretofore, and as no one was present but the justices, the constable and the defendant, any reports of the proceedings must be hearsay.

Had J. W. Hoskins or others been present they would have heard the severe reprimand given by my colleague, the extenuations for the offense committed and my own statement as follows, which I thought necessary, as the case was taken up at my instigation:

"I do not desire that there should be any disagreement between myself and colleague and therefore concur in this decision. I, however, wish to say that at the last trial, when it appeared that the liquor was sold on Sunday, we decided to reprimand the defendant, and also instructed the constable to warn him that any future infraction of the law would be proceeded against. I would also like to make it clear that I have no personal animus toward the defendant but against the license business, and shall endeavor to keep it within as strict bounds as the law directs."

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## *CHRISTMAS.*

"Again at Christmas do we weave
The holly round the Christmas hearth."

Christmas Day has come again, and perhaps there is no one so thoughtless, and we hope there are few so sad, as not to be stirred by the generous impulses, the glad feelings and the tender memories which the season brings with it. The hearty greetings we hear on the streets, the busy crowds of purchasers we meet everywhere, the kindly messages that are speeding over land and ocean to loved ones far away, all bear witness that the good old customs that have gathered round this day are still honored and observed among us.

And beneath what we hear and see lie the love and tact, and in many cases the self-denial, which lend to the smallest present a great value and sweeten to the needy one the gift which is but a sign of the love of the giver.

To-day the message of Peace and Good-will is being delivered everywhere to all sorts and conditions of men. In the great cities of the Old World men are wakened by the sweet chimes as they ring out on the midnight air, and in the morning the song is repeated by the full-voiced choir to the accompaniment of the "pealing organ." But the loneliest settlement in the most distant colony also remembers that it is Christmas Day, and in the rude little church services are offered up perhaps not less acceptable to Him who was cradled in a manger.

Some men may ask, "What is the good of it all?" Is not the air filled with rumors of wars, the strife of parties, the discord of creeds, and the din of the clash of class against class. While this is true we think that even here he who looks beneath these signs, sad and disheartening though they are, will discern a new spirit which makes nations hesitate long and deliberate deeply before they try to crush the life out of each other. The element of personal bitterness is in these days well nigh eliminated from party strife. Men everywhere are learning, however slowly, that truth is too deep and wide and mighty to be confined to any church or bounded by any creed; and though the chasm that separates rich from poor, the laborer from the employer of labor, is not yet bridged over, yet from both sides wise and great-hearted men are spending time and thought and life itself in the effort to hasten the time when the innocent shall no longer suffer the misery and degradation which are too often inseparable from poverty.

But, after all, it is in our homes that Christmas day can best be observed. The Founder of Christianity has made Home a sacred place and He proved again and again that He thought it ought to be a happy one. It is fitting that the birthday of Him who so often showed His love, and we had almost written reverence, for the "little children," should be specially the children's day and that each home should be filled with the sounds of the merriment and glee of the little ones. What gift can the richest parent bestow upon his children of more value than that of the memory of the days when Care and Anger and Selfishness were banished from the household, and when no one was too old, too busy or too sad to be glad, or to seem glad, and to do his best to make others happy. To such a home the heart will always turn though oceans roll between, or even if the relentless years have left it no place except in the memory. And if, as must happen in this world of partings, there is here and there a vacant place, can any consolation be so sweet as the thought of the perfect love and confidence and sympathy which never have such opportunities of revealing themselves as at this season? If

"A sorrow's crown of sorrow
Is remembering happier things,"

such grief does not prevent the mourner from sharing in the gladness of others, and only makes the heart more strong and tender and loving. We are sure our readers will join us in the hope that Christmas, with its kindly thoughts, its gentle memories and its innocent amusements, may long continue to be celebrated among us; and that one and all may have this year

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## *THE GREAT ISSUE.*

It is a pity that the Manitoba school question cannot be discussed fairly, frankly and without wilful misrepresentation. The question is one of very great importance, and all are interested in having it treated dispassionately and settled amicably.

The question has been forced on the Dominion Government. There is not a member of it who entered upon the consideration of the subject willingly. They would all be delighted if the people of Manitoba settled it among themselves. But since it has been brought before them without any desire of theirs, or any encouragement from them, it is their duty to give it their best consideration; and no good Canadian, we are sure, desires that the Government should shirk a duty because it is difficult and unpleasant.

We see it stated by the organ of the Opposition that there was a time when "it was open to the Dominion Government to step in and say this change should not be made." If the Times means that the Government should have vetoed the Manitoba School Act of 1890, why does it not say so openly? Does the Liberal organ favor vetoing Provincial Legislature when it is constitutional. With the exception of the opportunity it had of vetoing the school bill, there never was a time when the Dominion Government, of its own motion, could have stepped in and interfered with Manioba's educational affairs. It is also said by the same contemporary that "Manitoba's hands were left perfectly free by the Federal compact" in the matter of education.

The Dominion Government has no other power to interfere with Manitoba's legislation with respect to education, unless and until it is asked to do so in the constitutional way by the denominational minority of the province. Again, Manitoba has by the terms of the Federal compact voluntarily tied its own hands, so to speak, in the matter of education. That agreement did not leave its hands free or anything like free. This is part of the compact by which Manitoba bound herself when she entered the confederation. The second sub-section of section 22 of the Manitoba Act (the compact) reads as follows:

"An appeal shall lie to the Governor-General-in-Council from any Act or decision of the Legislature of the Province, or of any Provincial authority, affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority of the Queen's subjects in relation to education."

It is clear enough from this that if the denominational minority in Manitoba believes that it has been deprived of any right or privilege by the legislation of the Province, it has the right to appeal to the Governor-General-in-Council. So it is seen that the hands of Manitoba are not perfectly free in the matter of education.

In 1870 a school law was passed by the Manitoba Legislature establishing a system of separate schools. That law remained in force until 1890, when a law was enacted abolishing the separate school system. The minority first tested the constitutionality of the law and the courts decided that it was constitutional. The minority then, under the sub-section which is quoted above, appealed to the Governor-General-in-Council against the act of the Manitoba Legislature, which deprived them of a privilege which they had enjoyed for nineteen years.

The Government were evidently reluctant to entertain this appeal and their unwillingness was sharply commented upon by some of their opponents. As there was some doubt as to whether the minority had the right to appeal under the circumstances the Government, before it took a single step in the matter, applied to the Supreme Court of the Dominion and to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to ascertain whether it was their duty to hear the appeal and to take action upon it. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council decided both that the Manitoba minority had a grievance and that it was the duty of the Dominion Government to redress that grievance. "Their Lordships have decided," so runs the judgment, "that the Governor-General-in-Council has jurisdiction and that the appeal is well founded."

Having found from the highest judicial tribunal in the land that they had power to hear the appeal of the Manitoba minority, the Government proceeded to deal with that appeal, as both the constitution and the judgment of the Privy Council pointed out. They requested, in a formal document, called the remedial order, the Manitoba Government to redress the grievance of the minority. Their guide in the matter was still the Manitoba Act—the federal compact. The following is the third sub-section of the statute:

"3. In case any such Provincial law as from time to time seems to the Governor-General-in-Council requisite for the due execution of the provisions of this section is not made, or in case any decision of the Governor-General-in-Council on any appeal under this section is not duly executed by the proper provincial authority in that behalf, then, and in every such case and as far only as the circumstances of each case may require, the Parliament of Canada may make remedial laws for the due execution of the provisions of this section, and of any decision of the Governor-General-in-Council under this section."

The Government of Manitoba having refused to execute the decision, it only remained for the Government of the Dominion to refer the whole matter to Parliament, which is to be done at its next session.

Those who study this very important question at all closely must see that Manitoba by the terms of confederation is not left perfectly free in all that relates to education, that she voluntarily restricted her power in that matter for the avowed purpose of protecting the denominational minority. They will also see that the Government of the Dominion did not interfere in the educational affairs of Manitoba until they were appealed to by the minority of that province, and not even then until they had ascertained from the highest legal authority that it was their duty to admit the appeal; and that in every step they subsequently took in the matter they followed closely the directions of the Constitution of Manitoba. The course they have pursued has been as fair to Manitoba as it could possibly be. No judicial tribunal could have proceeded more impartially or more dispassionately than the Government of the Dominion have done in this Manitoba business.

## *FOOLED AGAIN.*

The correspondent of the Times who seems to be canard manufacturer general for that paper, announcing that "John F. Wood was sworn in member of the Privy Council by Lord Aberdeen at Rideau Hall," goes on to say: "This bears out all that has been said in the Times as to the position of Controllers. What was done in Mr. Wood's case was to make him a Privy Councillor. It is simply a waste of time discussing such a ridiculous question, and shows how unfit a man like Col. Prior is to ask people's vote when he does not seem to know the difference between a Cabinet Minister and a Privy Councillor." The best reply to this balderdash is the following telegram, which Col. Prior received yesterday:

"Ottawa, Dec. 24th.

"Lt.-Col. Prior, Con. Inland Rev., Victoria:

"Compliments of season. Was sworn in Cabinet Minister and took my seat in Council to-day.

(Sd.) "JOHN F. WOOD."


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FURS! A suitable present for a lady would be a Greenland Seal Cape, a Mink Ruff for the neck, or a beautiful Rain-Coat.

UMBRELLAS! Yes, we have Umbrellas, beauties, all prices, from 60c. to $12.00. These are good and useful presents.

WAISTS! Just arrived a line of Misses' Golf Waists which will be sold at $1.65 each.

FANCY GOODS! A lot of Fancy Goods, consisting of Photo Frames, Fancy Baskets, Pin Trays, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Work Baskets, etc. These goods were late coming in, therefore we will sell them very cheap to clear out.

HANDKERCHIEFS! We have just received another consignment of those beautiful goods from Japan. Silk handkerchiefs from 10c. A line of hemstitch handkerchiefs at 25c. each. A line of Honiton lace trimmed Handkerchiefs at 35c. each. White Cambric hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 50c. per dozen. White Cambric hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 25c. per dozen. Colored border hemstitch Handkerchiefs at 25c. per dozen. A lot of fancy boxed handkerchiefs from 15c. to $1.50 per box.

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## THE CITY.

JAMIESON'S bookstore will be open this morning at 9 o'clock and will remain open until 1.

TO-DAY the Victoria Football Club will hold a practice match on the Caledonia grounds, teams being chosen on the field from among the members of the club who turn up.

THE case of Dr. J. K. Garrow and Harry Creech is to be again proceeded with in the police court to-morrow. It promises to drag through several days more.

THE W. C. T. U. have withdrawn their meeting for to-morrow, owing to its following Christmas day. On January 2 a parlor social will be held at Mrs. D. Spencer's, Belleville street, James Bay.

A YOUNG seafaring man who had imbibed too freely of the cause of much evil, was fined $10 and costs in the police court yesterday, for drawing a loaded revolver in the course of a quarrel in a Johnson street saloon.

VICTORIA'S business men unite in pronouncing the present Christmas season the best they have enjoyed for several years. No better indication could be had of the revival of trade and improvement of the times.

THE midnight mass at St. Andrew's cathedral last night was heard by a large congregation which crowded the church to the doors. The singing was very fine, Mozarts Twelfth Mass being sung. Madame Rowlands assisted the choir of twenty-four voices, and the solo and choir singing was wonderfully good. Rev. Father Nicolaye was the celebrant, Rev. Father Althoff, deacon, and Rev. Father Laterme, sub-deacon. Rev. Father Althoff preached the sermon.

MR. AND MRS. SPICE, leaders of the Centennial Methodist church choir, Gorge road, were completely taken by surprise last evening, when the members of the choir in a body marched into their residence, the occasion being the anniversary of their wedding. All present enjoyed a few hours in singing and games, after which refreshments were served. At the conclusion of the evening's programme all joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Spice every future happiness and success.

THE Senior Wanderers will play the Junior Wanderers a match at Beacon Hill this afternoon at 2:30. The following will represent the Seniors: Goal, G. Partridge; backs, J. Hook, A. Goward; half-backs, W. Donaldson, P. Falconer, C. Glen; forwards, W. Peden, A. T. Goward, J. Dakers, A. Johnston, R. McCann. The Juniors will be: Goal, W. Wrigglesworth; backs, A. Peden, — Dallas; half-backs, G. Donaldson, C. Wilson, W. Winsby; forwards, H. Shandley, G. Wilson, L. Campbell, H. Lawson, P. Johnston. The Seniors play in dark blue pants and white shirts; the Juniors in white pants and light blue shirts.

### THE MAYORALTY.

**Mayor Teague and Hon. Robert Beaven as Candidates for the Honor.**

It looks as if there was going to be a lively contest for the mayoralty of Victoria this year. So far two candidates have entered the field, Mr. John Teague and Hon. Robert Beaven. Both gentlemen issued cards this morning stating that having been asked by many ratepayers to present themselves as candidates for the mayoralty, they have consented to do so. At least two other probable candidates for the honor have been mentioned, but so far they have not announced their intention to run. There are, so far, no candidates offering for aldermen, but a day or two more will likely bring them to the front, and after the New Year the contest promises to be one of the most interesting that Victoria has seen for a long time.


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Patties of Goose Liver a la Strasbourg.
SALADS.
Crabs Mayonnaise.
ROAST.
Chicken, with Giblet Sauce.
Goose, Apple Sauce.
Prime Ribs of Beef, au Jus.
VEGETABLES.
Green Peas. Cauliflower.
Boiled, Baked, and Mashed Potatoes.
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English Plum Pudding, Rum Sauce.
Apple, Cranberry, Mince pie.
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### THE "ISLANDER" AFLOAT.

**Yesterday's Effort to Release the Steamship Proved Successful—Pilot Foster's Statement.**

Just three hours after she was reported afloat yesterday afternoon, the splendid steamship Islander steamed into port, unassisted, and bearing no visible marks of her two-day experience with the rocks at Portlock point. The ship struck at 5.30 o'clock on Sunday morning and was held hard and fast until about noon yesterday, when with the assistance of the Princess Louise, which was on her way down from the Fraser, and the Rainbow, which was by her side since Monday morning, she was pulled off the rocks. This news was heralded almost before the arrival of the Louise, for a telegram which the C.P.N. Co. received earlier in the day announced that the holes in the vessel's bottom had been patched up, indicating her almost certain release. Once off the rocks it was not long before everything was in readiness for the steamer to proceed to Victoria. Pilot Foster, who was in charge of the Islander at the time of her accident and who remained by her throughout the difficulty, said last evening that when he and Mr. Clarke, the company's carpenter, were left alone on Monday night they began to place planks over the holes. When the tide was low they cemented these planks all over, making them perfectly tight. After this they transferred the water in the fore hold into the main hold by means of the steamer's own pumps and at a quarter to eleven o'clock they were in readiness to float the steamer, the Islander pulling with powerful steam winches on two big six-inch hawsers and the Rainbow rendering auxiliary power. At this time the Princess Louise came along, and half an hour from the time the effort was begun the steamer was afloat.

Regarding the cause of the Islander's mishap, Pilot Foster says: "Had Quartermaster Studdart steered the course he had given him the accident would not have happened. When the steamer rounded Mount Head the quartermaster got his course to clear Portlock point; but this he did not follow. I am not desirous of discussing this matter through the newspapers with an incompetent man, for such the quartermaster has proved himself to be. A man who has been running to Vancouver for months past as quartermaster ought to be ashamed of his statement in yesterday's COLONIST."

The Islander berthed in the harbor yesterday and will not probably enter the dry dock for a few days. The forward part of her forward bulkhead has a rent in it 30 feet long, this being her principal injury.

### PERSONAL.

Captain A. C. Folger is back from California.

R. H. Hall returned yesterday from a trip to the Mainland.

Ross Eckhardt was a passenger from the Sound by the Edith, yesterday.

R. G. Harvey, of Vancouver, came over last night to spend Christmas.

G. E. Jorgensen went over to Vancouver this morning to spend a few days.

Frank Higgins, barrister, went to the Sound yesterday on professional business.

R. P. Rithet has returned from San Francisco to spend Christmas with his family.

F. S. Barnard, M.P., was a passenger from Vancouver by the Charmer last evening.

J. E. Church returned from California yesterday by the overland route and steamer Edith.

E. M. N. Woods and Mrs. Woods arrived from Westminster yesterday to spend Christmas in town.

Lieutenant Macdonald, second son of Senator Macdonald, arrived home yesterday by the City of Kingston to spend Christmas at Armadale. It is eight years since he left Victoria.

Henry Young, of the White House, is spending his Christmas on a Northern Pacific railway train, he being on his way to the Old Country to purchase stock for the spring season.

### CANADA'S DEFENCES.

**To Be Gradually Strengthened—Arms and Ammunition Ordered for Shipment.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Manchester Courier says orders have been given at the Woolwich and Devonport arsenals for a large quantity of ammunition, together with a great number of magazine rifles, Martini-Henry rifles and other guns, for shipment to Canada in July. The Courier also learns that the defences of Canada are to be gradually strengthened.


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### A POINTER FROM HISTORY.

**Alexander Mackenzie's Shotgun Guard Over the Treasury—Laurier's Boon Companions.**

Some of the incidents of the Cedar Hill meeting were crowded out of yesterday's issue. For instance:

Mr. Bass (the little man at the rear)—"The Liberals won't tax us to support boodlers."

Col. Prior did not feel so sure of this, after what poor old Alexander Mackenzie has written about having to stay on watch with a shotgun to keep his political followers, the Liberals, out of the public treasury, while to this day at the mention of a good fat office the eyes of the average Liberal stick out like raisins in a pudding. (Laughter.) He showed that the Liberals when in office constantly added to the customs taxation, yet every year they had a deficit. On the trade as well as on other important questions they had no policy. They are ready to say or do anything that they think may get them into office. (Applause.) While they talk so glibly about boodle in the government Mr. Laurier is going round with one of the biggest boodlers in Canada for his chief companion.

Mr. Bass—He was a Conservative.

Col. Prior—Yes, but I can tell you he is not a Conservative now. (Laughter and applause.) Mercier was not a Conservative, and his colleague, Jimmy McShane, who is now Mr. Laurier's candidate in Montreal Centre, has never had that honor either. (Applause and laughter.) He instanced in contrast to Liberal professions the fact that from 1874 to 1895 there were 88 Liberals and only 48 Conservatives unseated for corrupt practices, and eight Liberals were disqualified against only one Conservative. (Applause.)

### TROLLEY STRIKE ENDED.

**Lasted Exactly a Week and Cost Thousands of Dollars to the Company.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The great trolley strike is ended. This is final. John Wanamaker is the man who brought about the settlement. He was aided by members of the Christian League. The basis of settlement are:

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The questions of compensation and hours are left for future determination. Concessions were made by both sides. The strike lasted exactly one week and cost the city, the company and the strikers many thousands of dollars. The loss in fares alone is estimated at $350,000. Apart from the destruction of cars and other property, there has been considerable blood shed, although fortunately no fatal results.

### "LET US HAVE PEACE!"

**Appeal of British Authors to Their Confreres in the United States.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An appeal has been issued by British authors, signed with 1,300 names, to their confreres in the United States. It says: "At this crisis in the history of the Anglo Saxon race, there are two paths. One leads we know not whither, but in the end through war, with all its accompaniments of carnage, unspeakable suffering and hideousness to the inevitable sequel of hatred, bitterness and disruption of our race. It is this path we ask you to join us in an effort to make impossible. Not on the grounds of political equity do we address you, but we are united to you by many ties."


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An Entertainment in aid of the Hall Fund will be given in ST. JAMES' HALL, on

Saturday Evening Next, 28th of December, at 8 o'clock,

at which will be presented by local amateurs, the Comedietta "PERFECTION," or THE LADY OF MUNSTER, followed by the farce, "THE FAST COACH."

ADMISSION, 25 CENTS. de24-tws

A LEAP-YEAR ball will be given by Hope Lodge, No. 1, Degree of Honor, in A.O.U.W. hall, on Friday, January 3rd. Richardson's music. Tickets 75c each. de14-2w

SOCIAL and dance at the Victoria Gardens on Thursday, Boxing Day; free buss for ladies will start from the corner of Douglas and Pandora at 8:30. All friends invited. de24-2t

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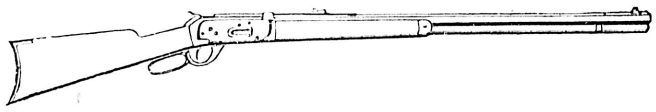

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# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP.

### Special Services and Music to Be Given To-day in Victoria's Churches.

### Carols and Songs of Praise Will Herald the Great Christmas Feast.

To-day is Christmas and in many of the churches of Victoria the joyful Christian anniversary will be observed. Special music has been prepared and the sermons will bear upon the glad message of "Peace on earth, good will towarp men."

At Christ Church cathedral holy communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. At 11 a.m. there will be holy communion, matins, and sermon by the Bishop.

At St. John's church the services are: 8 a.m., celebration of the holy communion. 11 a.m., matins, holy communion, and sermon by the rector. The following is the order of the 11 o'clock services:

Processional Hymn, 61—"Christians Awake!"
Preces and Responses (festal) ..... Tallis
Venite (chant) ..... Crotch
Proper psalms for Christmas day to chants: Ps. xix Monk, Ps. xlv, Ousley and Macfarren, Ps. lxxxv, Turle
Te Deum Laudamus ..... Garrett in F
Jubilate Deo ..... Garrett in F
Anthem, "Behold I bring you glad tidings" ..... Goss
Hymn 60, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Kyrie Eleison ..... Garrett in F
Gloria Tibi, etc ..... Goss from Tallis
Offertory Interludes ..... Smart
Communion Hymn, 317, "My God and is Thy Table Spread" ..... Garrett in F
Celebration of the Holy Communion.

At St. James' church there will be: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon, followed by a celebration of holy communion. A special collection in aid of the clergy, widows and orphans' fund will be taken up. The choir have prepared appropriate music for the occasion.

The order of services at St. Saviour's church is: 8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and holy communion; 4 p.m., evening prayer and carols. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday there will be morning prayer at 11 a.m. The music at the services this morning is as follows:

Hymn, 59
Venite, (Novello).
Special psalms.
Te Deum (Tours in F).
Jubilate (Tours in F).
Anthem, "O Zion that bringest good tidings." (Stainer).
Hymns, 60 and 311.

At the Reformed Episcopal church there will be service at 11 a.m., with special music.

The beautiful music of Mozart's Twelfth Mass which was sung at midnight will be repeated at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral at 10:30 a.m. There will be a chorus of 24 voices assisted by Madame Laird.

Kyrie ..... Mozart
Gloria ..... Mozart
Sermon—Rev. Fr. Altholt
Credo ..... Mozart
Grand Ave Maria ..... J. Loretz
Sanctus ..... Mozart
Benedictus ..... Mozart
Agnus Dei ..... Mozart
Adeste Fidelis ..... Novello

At eleven o'clock there will be a special Christmas service at the Metropolitan Methodist church, the offertory being for the poor. The music will be specially fine, as follows:

Hymn 139.
Anthem, "Behold I bring you glad tidings." ..... Solo by Mrs. Rowlands
"O Come all ye faithful." ..... Solo by Mr. Rowlands.
Hymn 141.

## SIX TO FIVE.

### Foulkes' Team Defeat the Navy After a Hard Fought Game of Rugby.

The game of Rugby between Mr. J. F. Foulkes' team and the Navy yesterday resulted in a score of 2 tries (6) to 1 goal (5), in favor of Foulkes' team. For the first fifteen minutes the game was chiefly in Victoria's territory, when Gamble intercepted a pass and, by a splendid pass to Foulkes, enabled him to score. Sugrue took the kick, but failed to convert. After the change of sides, the ball was kept pretty well in the Navy ground and, after some minutes of play, Sugrue got the ball from a scrimmage and managed to fall over the line; but the kick again failed. Shortly after this, George Ward scored for the Navy by a very good dodging run, and Petch, taking the kick, converted. No side was called before any further score was made, thus leaving the Victorians winners by one point, after a good hard game.

## NOTED SHIPBUILDER DEAD.

### Sir Edward Harland, of Belfast, a Bulwark of Conservatism in Ulster.

BELFAST, Dec. 24.—Sir Edward Harland, head of the famous shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, died to-day. He was member of parliament for North Belfast in the Conservative interest. He was 64 years old and was twice Mayor of Belfast. His partner, G. W. Wolff, is member of parliament for East Belfast in the Conservative interest, and he and Mr. Wolff being of German extraction were known in the House of Commons as "Majestic" and "Germanic." Sir Edward was for many years chairman of the harbor commissioners of Belfast, and was a bulwark of Conservatism in Ulster. He was one of the foremost organizers of the Ulster convention. His baronetcy was the gift of Lord Salisbury and dates from 1885.

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# THE CITY.

THE Christmas tree entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday school, Victoria West, is to be held in Semple's hall to-morrow evening.

THE St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society have prepared a specially interesting programme for their monthly social on Monday, and a dance will close the evening.

BARRISTER L. P. Duff, of Hunter & Duff, lectured before the Victoria Law Students' Association on Monday evening, his subject being "Contracts with corporations."

THE annual entertainment and Christmas tree for the children of the Protestant orphanage will be held in the large dining hall at the home on Hillside avenue, on Friday at 3 p.m. The ladies committee extend a cordial invitation to the friends of the institution to attend.

THE children of the Central Presbytertian Sunday school are to have their annual treat on Friday evening of this week. Children, other than scholars, will be admitted on payment of ten cents at 6:30. Friends of the children will be admitted at 8 o'clock, when a good programme will be rendered.

THE tug Sadie, which left here for Boundary Bay last week with a party of hunters, is back in port again. Her voyage was not the most pleasant imaginable, owing to the stormy weather of Sunday and Monday; but according to her passengers the trip was very profitable. The amount of game killed was, of course, by no means indicated by the quantity which they brought home with them.

A VERY quiet and important ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McEwen last evening, when he united in marriage Mr. Thos. Preece and Miss G. A. Carter. The bride was attended by Miss Williams and the bridegroom was assisted by Mr. John Stewart in the capacity of best man. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

BERTRAM hall was filled to its utmost capacity at the masquerade ball on Monday evening. The hall was decorated in a most artistic manner, and the music was furnished by the Collis and Baird orchestra. The prize for the best dressed gentleman was awarded to Wm. Snider, jr., and the lady's prize to Miss Lily Traynor. There will be a leap year masquerade during January.

THE arrangements are complete for the New Year's Eve national ball and many tickets have been already sold. Four handsome prizes, which may be seen in Speed Bros'. window, will be given for the handsomest national costume. Richardson's orchestra will furnish the music, and a fine supper will be served. The Companions of the Forest know how to arrange for a ball, and the committee is as energetic as ever.

THE following is the team chosen to represent Victoria next Saturday at the Canteen grounds in the match against the Navy: Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarter backs, J. M. Miller, (Capt.), C. Gamble, H. D. Morton and K. Scholefield; half backs, J. H. Barney, Sugrue and F. Smith; forwards, L. Crease, A. Crease, J. K. Macrae, H. Austin, A. G. Langley, P. Wollaston, A. A. Green and F. Ward. The team will leave Campbell's corner by the 2:15 car.

THE Presbytery of Victoria had an adjourned meeting in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, yesterday, when at the urgent request of the congregation the resignation by Rev. D. A. MacRae of his charge of St. Andrew's was allowed to lie on the table, Mr. MacRae being granted six months leave of absence with the hope that the state of his family's health may be such then as to enable him to resume his pastoral work. Rev. W. Leslie Clay was appointed convener of the Presbytery's home missions and augmentation committee during Rev. Mr. MacRae's absence, and Rev. Alexander Young, Presbytery, treasurer and convener of the committee on church life and work. The Presbytery has adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian church here on the first Tuesday in March next.

FOR Saturday evening next an excellent dramatic entertainment has been prepared by several well known amateurs, and those who wish to wind up the Christmastide festivities cannot do better than attend at St. James hall to witness the performance, which is likely to be a marked success. The pieces selected are the comedietta "Perfection," and the farce "Fast Coach." "Perfection" is not only one of the standing dishes at all the London theatres, but is quite a favorite among those venturesome young gentlemen and ladies who mingle in private theatricals, the part of Kate O'Brien having many times been personated by the Marchioness of Londonderry at amateur performances in Ireland. The "Fast Coach" is most cleverly written, and the working up to the plot causes much amusement, and no little edification and enlightenment to the audience. The full cast for Saturday evening's performance will be given later.

SCHILLINGS' famous minstrels will make their appearance at the Victoria theatre next Friday evening, when an entertainment far above the average may be expected. One of the most essential features of a perfect minstrel organization is the music of the first part. Mr. Schilling has given this department of his company this season special attention, and has been successful in securing one of the strongest singing parties that it is possible to carry with an organization of this kind, Jack Sample, the wonderful basso, and Chas. Lomier, the tenor, together with the Trocadero Quartette, making a sextette of vocalists never before equalled in the minstrel profession. The orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Geo. M. Stevenson, is also a feature, while he certainly has in Lew Spencer, Billy Carroll, Frank Hammond and Eugene Everett, a list of comedians hard to equal. The olio of novelties, the Brothers La Rose, the great English acrobats, Kinzo, the Japanese juggler, and Carroll and Nealy, the India rubber twins, are, too, a show in themselves. The first part settings and draperies and the costumes worn by the company in this part of the entertainment are the finest ever seen in this city with an organization of this kind.

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## A CHRISTMAS DITTY.

The following is an impromptu Christmas poem by Mr. Justice Denman, of England, an old college friend of Mr. Justice Crease of Victoria:

Good people all, both great and small,
Man, woman, girl and boy,
Young men and maidens, list to me,
I fain would bring you joy.
Not common earthly jollity,
But free from base alloy.

And this is how to get it,
Whether walking to and fro,
Or attending to the house at home,
Or in the mines below,
Or working in the field or shop
Or wherever you may go.

Beware and don't give way an inch
To that awful creature self,
He's an irritating, mischief-making,
Churlish little elf,
And the best receipt for Christmas
Is to lay him on the shelf.

Yes, an awful, spiteful creature,
He does harm in many a name,
Sometimes its gin or whiskey,
"Pitch and Toss," or some such game,
But tho' he has many an alias,
Yet the villian is the same.

Sometimes he's merely Vanity,
Pride, Gluttony, or Conceit;
He would make you think that Xmas
Means smart ribbons, pudding, meat;
Or e'en to wallow like a pig,
And reckon that a treat!

No, lay him on the shelf I say,
And let him slumber there,
And try how many you can make
The best you have to share,
And you'll find, instead of losing aught,
A treasure rich and rare.

Give kindly books, and gentle words
To all folk, great and small,
And think of Him who left His Throne
For a stable and a stall;
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As the undersigned expects shortly to return to China, it is requested that all persons having accounts or claims against the firm of Kwong On Lung will send the same in, on or before the 1st day of January, 1896, for adjustment and settlement.

On and after the above mentioned date the business of the said firm will be in charge of Wong Ngo, who succeeds the undersigned as manager.

LEE YOU CHING,
Manager Kwong On Lung,
32 Cormorant Street.
Victoria, B.C., December 21st, 1895. de22 2w

## NOTICE.

All acounts against the firm of Kwong On Lung & Co., must be sent in immediately for settlement, previous to the departure of the late manager, Lee You Ching. No accounts contracted by the late manager will be recognized unless presented on or before January 1st, 1896.

KWONG ON LUNG,
By Wong Ngo
Victoria, B.C., December 23rd, 1896. de24-1m

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act incorporating a Company, with power to purchase, locate or otherwise acquire, and to sell, dispose of and deal with mines, mining leases, and mining rights of all kinds, and undertakings connected therewith, and to work, examine, develop, and turn to account mines and mining rights, and to get, quarry, reduce, amalgamate, dress, refine and prepare for market auriferous or argentiferous quartz and ore, and other mineral substances, and generally to carry on any metallurgical operations which may seem conducive to any of the company's rights; and to acquire by location, and hold in its own name, any number of mineral claims, whether situate on the same vein, or elsewhere, and to apply for and obtain mining leases of lands of any area in extent, or to purchase, or otherwise acquire the same and to consolidate any of such leases or mineral claims, and hold any water rights that may be hereafter acquired, as appurtenant to the whole, or any part of the applicants' property so to be acquired; and also, with power to construct, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, and to carry out, equip, maintain, manage, work, or control works and conveniences of all kinds, both public and private, and in particular, Railways, Tramways, Telegraphs, Telephones and Electric Works, and to acquire any concessions, rights or privileges, including lands, bonuses and subsidies from the Government of the Province of British Columbia, or from any City or Municipality, or authority, the Company may think capable of being profitably dealt with, and to carry into effect, work, exercise, or otherwise turn to account, deal with, and dispose of such concessions rights or privileges, and with further power to construct roads, ways, tramways, bridges reservoirs, aqueducts, ditches, flumes, wharves, hydraulic works, strips and other works and conveniences conducive to any of the said objects, and all necessary works in connection therewith, with power to purchase, sell, lease and mortgage real and personal property, and to issue shares, at a discount, and paid up and non-assessable shares, in consideration for the transfer of any mining property acquired by the proposed Company, and like shares to the applicants, or others in consideration for moneys expended, and work and services rendered to and contracts entered into with the proposed Company, and with power to take, purchase and otherwise acquire and hold shares in or to amalgamate with any other company, and to buy the rights, privileges, franchises and charters of any other company or companies, whether incorporated in this Province, or elsewhere; and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 25th day of November, A.D. 1895.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
no28-6w Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by The Lillooet, Fraser River, and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, a Company incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1862 to 1890 (Imperial), on the 25th day of April, 1895, for an Act confirming, and conferring upon it, the powers of the said Company, as the same appear in the memorandum and articles of association, deposited in England with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, and giving the said Company power to acquire, by location, or otherwise, and to hold in its own name, any number of mineral claims, whether situate on the same vein, or elsewhere, and to apply for and obtain mining leases of lands of any area in extent, or to purchase, or otherwise acquire the same, and to consolidate any of such leases or mineral claims, and hold any water rights that may be hereafter acquired, as appurtenant to the whole, or any part of the applicants' property, so to be acquired; and to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 25th day of November, A.D. 1895.

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13th December, 1895.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1895.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of New Westminster, Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria from the 24th day of December, 1895, to the 3rd day of January, 1896, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2 Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.

3. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation the office hours of the offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."

5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1895."

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## NOTICE.

*Legislative Assembly.*

## PRIVATE BILLS.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the 6th day of February, 1896.

Bills must be presented on or before the 13th day of February, 1896.

Reports from the Standing Committee on Private Bills will not be received after the 20th day of February, 1896.

If an of the Rules above referred to are suspended, the Promoters of all Private Bills taking the benefit of such suspension of said Rules will be required to pay double fees.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1895.

THORNTON FELL,
de10-td Clerk Legislative Assembly

## NOTICE.

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A. W. VON RHEIM,
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NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate "The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada," for the purpose of doing a general life insurance business.

F. H. CHRYSLER,
For Applicants.
Ottawa, December 11th, 1895. de19-6t-ouw

## NOTICE.

Fort Street between Cook Street and School Street, is closed to public traffic.

de8-tf E. A. WILMOT.

## NOTICE.

Belleville Street, between McClure Street and Birdcage Walk, is closed to public traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
au3 City Engineer.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

## A PROCLAMATION.

*D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.*

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature.

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the Twenty-third day of the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, you meet Us in Our said Legislature for Parliament of our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have cave caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this fifth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command.
JAMES BAKER,
de6-tf Provincial Secretary.

*Legislative Assembly.*

## PRIVATE BILLS.

Excerpt from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

ALL APPLICATIONS for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railway, Tramway, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph or Telephone Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam, Slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of Ferry; the incorporation of any particular trade or calling, or of any Joint Stock Company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community, or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act,—shall require a Notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application and, where the application refers to any proposed work, indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants, such notice to be published as follows:

In the British Columbia Gazette and in one newspaper published in the District affected, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest District in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition, and copies of such notice shall be sent by the parties inserting such notice to the Clerk of the House.

Before any Petition, praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge, is received by the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such Bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the preceding rule, also at the same time in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

Private Bills shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the General Acts relating to the details to be provided for by such Bills:—Special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the Bill indicating the provisions thereof in which the General Act is proposed to be departed from.

The promoters of a Private Bill shall pay the Clerk of the House the sum of one hundred dollars before the first reading thereof; and an additional sum of one hundred dollars immediately after the second reading thereof. And no such Bill shall be read a first time, or committed after second reading, until the fees payable on the first or second reading respectively are paid to the Clerk. All Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed in small pica type, twenty-six ems by fifty ems, on good paper, in Imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10¾ inches by 7½ inches, and 100 copies thereof shall be deposited with the Clerk of the House immediately before the first reading.

Authority to act as Parliamentary Agent may be obtained on application to the Clerk of the House and upon payment of the sum of five dollars.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk Legislative Assembly.
20th December, 1895. de20-1m

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to operate traction engines and cars upon the Cariboo Wagon Road and tributary roads in British Columbia

W. H. ARMSTRONG,
oc18 Agent for Applicant.

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

### A Supplementary Petition Asking That the Position of Fire Chief Be Elective.

### Water Commissioners' Recommendations to Expropriate a Strip Round Beaver Lake Adopted.

A communication from the Provincial Secretary was read at the city council meeting on Monday night asking for a refund of $138 for the transport of eight old men, formerly residents of the city, to the Old Men's Home at Kamloops.

ALD. CAMERON did not think the city liable. He moved that the communication be referred to the Home committee to report, and this course was adopted.

Senator Macdonald wrote that, as the city was varying the original agreement with him in regard to the water-pipe supplying his house, that the city refund him what he paid out to lay the pipe.

On motion of Ald. Humphrey, seconded by Ald. Hall, the matter was referred to the Water Commissioner to investigate, with power to make the refund.

The Craigflower road trouble was brought to the front by a letter from Rev. Mr. Ellison. He wrote: "I have been patiently waiting for the passing of the by-law enacted two years ago to enable me to close in my two lots on the top of the old Craigflower trail. The by-law only awaited publishing in the Gazette (so I was informed) till the grading of Langford street. Langford street has been perfectly graded for some months and the by-law is yet unpublished. I would respectfully yet urgently solicit your speedy consent thereto for the following reasons: The unsafe condition of my stables to which owing to the replacement of the footpath on my lots, I cannot even put a stay, and the unsanitary conditions of my drains which are well attested to as being a public nuisance. My last tenants complained bitterly of the drains and consequent ill-health, and I much fear the scarlet fever, which has developed amongst them, may be attributed to these predisposing causes. My new tenants have a large family of young children, and it is on their behalf I would ask the city fathers to be truly such and authorize me to make such necessary arrangements as may ensure their safety."

The letter was filed and Mr. Ellison will be informed that his request cannot be complied with.

It was decided to reduce the period for holding back the 50 per cent. on Hale & Bell's contract for pavement opposite the Occidental hotel, from six to three months.

The Water Commissioner recommend the building of four small dams to conserve the extra three feet of water gained by the construction of the new filter beds. On the west side of the lake were several low spots where the dams would have to be built to prevent the water running away and flooding the neighboring farms. Should the dams not be built a temporary overflow at a cost of $200 would be necessary to direct the water down the Colquitz. The new works provided an overflow, but inside present cofferdam. Sooner or later the water would have to be raised to a higher level or a great part of the usefulness of the new system would be lost. A survey was made in September laying out the three feet rise, and an allowance of a chain back from that—in all 55 acres. The report strongly recommended the expropriation of this land.

Ald. Bragg believed that it was advisable to go ahead and preserve the water in the lake. It was necessary to have a small strip of land round the lake so that it could be fenced in and the margin of the lake kept clean. He moved that the Water Commissioner be authorized to proceed.

ALD. MACMILLAN seconded this after obtaining the mover's permission to add that the work be done under a foreman who should have full power to discharge and hire men.

ALD. WILSON said he would oppose the purchase of any more land at present. If there was any more land to be bought let it be left to the incoming council. It was not the labor at the lake he opposed, but he did not believe in spending $7,000 for land. He thought, too, that there was an error made either by the engineer or the contractor in the position of the "intakes" and it would be better not to raise the water until that was ascertained.

Ald. Bragg in reply said that a charge like that Ald. Williams was making against the engineer should be made in the proper manner and not in an underhand way.

The motion as amended by Ald. Macmillan was carried, Ald. Williams opposing it.

The Maternity Home asked for assistance for the poor who were its inmates, and a reply will be sent that a donation has already been granted.

A petition of A. Parfitt and 94 others asked that a by-law be passed making the office of chief of the fire department elective.

ALD. MCLELLAN moved that the prayer be granted.

ALD. CAMERON questioned whether the city had the power to draw up such a by-law.

ALD. BRAGG asked that as Ald. Wilson was obliged, through illness, to leave the meeting, and as Ald. Partridge, the other fire warden, was absent, the matter be laid over until next meeting. This was done.

On an item in the finance committee's report for a trip of the steamer Alert to Darcy island, Ald. Macmillan moved that the health officer be asked to explain why he had not used the Sadie, with which the city had an arrangement for such trips. This was carried.

Want of funds was the reason given by the street committee in their report for refusing a number of sidewalks and street improvements.

With a view of having the annual report of the city placed in the hands of the electors as early as possible, Ald. Williams moved that the chairmen of committees and heads of departments be asked to get their reports in shape to hand to the printers by the 31st inst. He was well aware that parts of the manuscript could not be completed until January 6 or 7, but by January 2, 36 pages of the report would be ready for the printer, and by placing this in the printer's hands the whole report would be published three or four days before the civic elections.

Some of the aldermen thought the reports could hardly be got ready by December 31 and Ald. Williams motion was voted down, he and Ald. Bragg only being in favor of it.

The milk by-law was reconsidered and finally passed and the council adjourned.

## NOMINATING LADY SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

TO THE EDITOR:—Your correspondent "Adam" in his second letter says he has no intention of injuring the Protestant Orphans' Home, but his unwarrantable interference with a very considerable part of the workers helping that institution, is calculated to cause a division, which is one of the most disastrous injuries you can do to a charitable institution.

He warns the women not to make themselves a "political institution in connection with the Women's Council or parliament." His warning is not needed. The Women's Council is not a "parliament" or political institution, in fact it carefully abstains from politics, which have nothing to do with its aim and work.

The ladies' committee of the P. O. home, having finished transacting their business connected with that institution, on any day, had just as much right to enter on the nomination of trustees to the Women's Council, or as school trustees, or anything else, as any other women. If not, neither had any other institutions or societies, and yet all these bodies have nominated persons to various posts, the public evincing its approval of their action.

The "authority" of the subscribers was not required, as the subscribers have no authority whatever in this matter, which does not in the least relate to the management of the P. O. Home.

He speaks of an "offence" as though a crime of some sort had been committed, but the word is used in a ridiculous way in this case, for if the subscribers to every charitable body were to fetter their workers, either men or women, with an assertion of "authority" and talk of an "offence" being committed on such grounds, all our charitable institutions would collapse for lack of workers.

The remark that they would bring themselves into collision with the trustees may be true if the trustees are so wanting in good sense as to think of interfering with the liberty of other people, but "Adam" knows, and we all know that the great majority of the public supports the women's committee of the P. O. Home in their action.

Concluding his letter he says, "as to uplifting man, I fancy the story of Adam and Eve points to a contrary result." Well, the customary reply is that Adam must have been a very weak and poor specimen, but I think his action was not to be compared to that of the man who, in these days, would prevent any woman from joining an organization which seeks to "uplift humanity a little way towards regaining its lost estate."

Despite his sneer at the uplifting of man, I would remind him that the Womens' Council in carrying out its noble mission of the "uplifting of humanity" will be sure to find a large number of men sadly needing its help, and also a large number of women who have been led astray by men, also needing "uplifting."

We have only to refer to our newspapers from all parts to prove the truth of this assertion. A BETTER ADAM.

## THE OATMEAL PROBLEM.

TO THE EDITOR:—The article in your issue of the 9th inst. attempting to throw discredit upon my plea for cheaper oatmeal, tempts a reply that will not, I venture to predict, in any way change the conviction of the thoughtful reader regarding that product, and may possibly be of some use to my critic as enlightening him upon a subject he frankly admits knowing little of.

Generally I should pay no attention to an article written by one using a pseudonym; the article in question at the same time being undated and even the writer's locality unindicated; however, in the present case there are two very good reasons for again asking your indulgence. The first is that perchance some who might have neglected to read my first article may, thanks to the publicity given by "Country Boy's" criticism, look into the second, where I think shall be shown beyond all doubt, even to the most skeptical, that the product in question is being disposed of at a price altogether out of proportion to the price of the raw material. The second reason is, perhaps "Country Boy" intended his article as a friendly criticism in order that the question might be more fully presented, and thus rests his case on the one point brought forth; because surely so feeble an effort could not have been seriously intended as an arraignment of my complaint.

But to proceed to the more critical examination of the problem. From one ton of oats the amount of oatmeal produced varies between 1,080 and 1,200 pounds, and as the highest quotation is to be used, it is but fair to suppose the grain is first class. Oats at the present time are quoted at $14 to $18 per ton. This puts the question in about this shape: One ton of oats value $18 are manufactured into 1,200 pounds of oatmeal, value $60, an increase of $42, or somewhat over 200 per cent. This, sir, I beg to point out, is quite within my former contention, when the figures given were 100 to 400 per cent. But this is not all; my critic *wisely* did not tell us what became of the husks, of which he informs us there is so great a quantity, and the substance resembling down, of which I am assured I should see piles lying about. This I suppose is all carefully conveyed to the furnace and burned, as being thoroughly dried, would no doubt make excellent fuel, and as we were led to infer was quite worthless, this or some equally effective means would be used to get rid of it. But no; I am assured on the best of authority that a large proportion of these "worthless husks," together with the "down," has added to it a small proportion of grain, and is then manufactured into chop or ground feed, which is then retailed at the modest price of $25 to $27 per ton.

Aside from the local question, let us glance at prices of oatmeal elsewhere. In Ontario papers I find oats quoted from $10.40 to $10.90 per ton; the meal is here quoted at 2½ cents per pound, which would make the 1,200 pounds of meal, or the product of one ton of oats, cost $30, an increase of about $19.

In Great Britain the price of oatmeal averages about 2 cents per pound, and I take the same quotation from a Chicago journal. These figures need no comment of mine. Further evidence would make my case no clearer. Even "Country Boy," should he take the trouble to peruse this letter, cannot fail to see that there is good and just ground to ask that a very considerable reduction be made in this almost universally used article of diet. A. H. HAWKINS.

Langley, B.C., 16th Dec., 1895.

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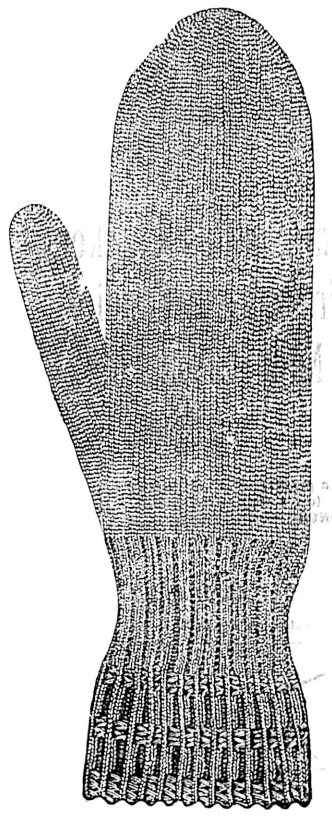

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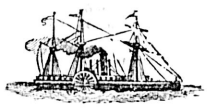

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To take effect at 8 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 1895. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

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| | Daily A.M. | Sat'dy P.M. |
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| Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington | 8:00 | 3:20 |
| Ar. Nanaimo | 11:40 | 6:38 |
| Ar. Wellington | 12:00 | 6:55 |

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Takes effect June 21st, 1895.

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### THE THERMOMETER.

ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 22, 1895.
Report for 24 hours ending 8 p.m.

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| 1 a.m.. | 38· | Mean 40· | The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows: |
| 5 a.m.. | 38· | | |
| 9 a.m. | 37· | Highest 47· | 5 a.m.— 4 E. |
| 1 p.m. | 49· | | 1 p.m.—4 E. |
| 5 p.m.. | 40· | Lowest 32· | 9 p.m.—40 S.W. |
| 9 p.m.. | 47· | | Rain—0.88. |

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 23, 1895.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

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| 1 a.m.. | 44· | Mean 41· | The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows: |
| 5 a.m.. | 42· | | |
| 9 a.m.. | 41· | Highest 43· | 5 p.m.—20 S.W. |
| 1 p.m.. | 42· | | 1 p.m.—40 S.W. |
| 5 p.m.. | 38· | Lowest 37· | 9 p.m.—15 W. |
| 9 p.m.. | 37· | | Rain—0·74. |

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—5 hrs. 18 mins.

ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 24, 1895.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

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| 1 a.m.. | 39· | Mean 41· | The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows: |
| 5 a.m.. | 38· | | |
| 9 a.m.. | 40· | Highest 44· | 5 a.m.—20 S.W |
| 1 p.m.. | 44· | | 1 p.m.—20 S.W. |
| 5 p.m.. | 44· | Lowest 35· | 9 p.m.—16 S.E. |
| 9 p.m.. | 43· | | Rain—0·04. |

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

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Per steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—H McDonald, F W Foster, W E Fisher, J Johnson, S E Mathews, T Mathews, Jacob Zink, F W Baker, Miss Greenway, Miss Lindsay, Jas Brown and wife, Mrs Walsh, M Woods and wife, A McKinnon, Thos Callum, R Mullins, C S Campbell, C Knox, Geo Stevens, J Smith, F M Yorke, Jno Boyd, Chas Stimson and wife, Wm Kerr, C C Millard, H Millard, J A Blythe, S A Courtney, A E Goodman, Master Vincent, R H Hall, F S Barnard, R Collister, H Crane, G H Dawson, J B Fisher, Jas Coombs, P McL Forin, R G Harvey, E Miller, C Simson, H J Newton, C B Hofman, W Marriott, J Barber, C Ross, Wm Forrest, T Hardy, H Fox, John Alcock, A Furnell, Ensign Fitzpatrick, Rev J M Douglas, O G Harbell, A J Harrison, C Lowe, Mrs Pellingell.

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PREECE-CARTER—In this city, December 25th, by the Rev. H. P. McEwen, Thos Preece, to Miss G. A. Carter, both of this city.

### DIED.

COLE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 23rd instant, George Cole, late of Metchosin, a native of Essex, England, aged 72 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday, December 27th, at 9:30 a.m. from the Hospital, and at 10 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Friends are invited to attend.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

## Handsome Press Compliment to British Columbia's Representative in the Cabinet.

## More Light on the "Times" Fiction Anent Comments of Eastern Press.

## Mr. Wood Took His Place in the Council Yesterday—What the "Globe" Says.

Apologising for precipitating a politico-religious quarrel upon this peaceful community at the merry Christmas season, the opposition candidate announced through the Times that had Hon. E. G. Prior been made a cabinet minister the case would have been different. The Times asserted that Col. Prior was to be simply a controller, and denied even the Premier's written declaration to the contrary, amongst other grounds because, as it alleged, so late as Friday last, "every newspaper in the Dominion that announced the appointment next morning stated that Col. Prior was a controller and not a cabinet minister." The mail of the Eastern newspapers arrived here on Saturday last, and the COLONIST quoted from them in extenso, showing the above assertion of the Times to be absolutely untrue. What these papers said was, in brief:

Montreal Gazette—"Col. Prior is now in the Cabinet."

Montreal Star—"Col. Prior has accepted a position in the Cabinet."

Montreal Witness—"Col. Prior will have a seat in the Cabinet."

Toronto Mail and Empire—"Col. Prior taken into the Cabinet."

Hamilton Spectator—"Col. Prior has accepted a seat in the council."

The brief quotations above given are the substance of the column of notices from Eastern newspapers of Monday, December 16, which the COLONIST published on Sunday last. They were so conclusive that the Times on Monday withdrew its standing declaration of "No Cabinet Minister!!!" and editorially it offered this explanation:

"With the large number of quotations from the Eastern papers of last Monday we need not deal, for they carry their own explanation. We may inform our neighbor, though, that the announcements spoken of in the Times were not those made in Monday's papers, but on Tuesday and subsequent days. These are delayed by the accident to the Islander."

Well, yesterday the delayed papers arrived—those of Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17th and 18th inst. As expected, they contained small comfort for the Times, for while two or three of the smaller papers published the incorrect announcement that Mr. Wood and Col. Prior would not be cabinet ministers because the act dealing with the controllerships prevents that (which is not the fact), the leading newspapers knew better.

THE "GLOBE" HAD NO DOUBTS.

The Toronto Globe—the chief organ of the opposition—for example had this despatch:

"OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—(Special)—At today's meeting of the Cabinet Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., for Victoria, B.C., was appointed Controller of Inland Revenue, in place of Hon. John F. Wood, appointed Controller of Customs, vice Wallace, resigned. Both Controllers are to be members of the Cabinet. This practically abolishes the Controllerships, as predicted last night, and substitutes Cabinet Ministers, thus increasing the size of the Cabinet to unprecedented and unparalleled dimensions." In another place in the same issue (Tuesday's) the Globe said:

"Col. E. G. Prior, M.P. for Victoria, B. C., has accepted a seat in Premier Bowell's Cabinet as Controller of Inland Revenue in the place of Mr. John F. Wood, appointed Controller of Customs. The Controllers will now have seats in the Cabinet."

The Times printed as a telegram from a Mr. Magurn the statement that

"Mackenzie Bowell told me that Prior was not a cabinet minister. Mail and Empire and World, Toronto, announce the same thing."

On Monday the Mail and Empire announced that "Sir Mackenzie Bowell has invited Col. Prior to accept office as a seat in the Cabinet," and on Tuesday, it followed this up with the news that the office accepted was that of parliamentary head of the inland revenue department. It said not a word in contradiction to the announcement of the previous day, that besides the office referred to he had been offered a seat in the cabinet. The first part of this despatch appears in the Times of yesterday—to give the inference that the Mail and Empire had said nothing about a cabinet position, which it did not on Tuesday having made the fact quite plain the day before. The Times, however, omitted this interesting reminiscent paragraph which closes the despatch:

"Before coming to Ottawa to take the oath of office, Col. Prior will submit himself to the endorsation of his constituents. The bye-election in Victoria will take place at the earliest possible day, so that the new Controller of Inland Revenue may be in his seat in parliament before the session is far advanced. Col. Prior's opponent in the last election lost his deposit, polling only 449 votes, whereas the Colonel polled 1,031. It is altogether likely that there will be no opposition to his re-election under the circumstances."

CRUSHED AGAIN.

Yesterday the Times took fresh courage, and again paraded its absurdly false statement "No Cabinet Minister!" at the head of this matter, dated from Ottawa:

"OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—At eleven o'clock today John F. Wood was sworn a member of the privy council by Lord Aberdeen at Rideau Hall. This bears out all that has been said in the Times as to the position of controllers. What was done in Mr. Wood's case was to make him a privy councillor. It is simply a waste of time discussing such a ridiculous question, and shows how unfit a man like Col. Prior is to ask people's vote when he does not seem to know the difference between a cabinet minister and a privy councillor."

About the time the above appeared in print Hon. John F. Wood telegraphed to his colleague in Victoria as follows:

"OTTAWA, Dec. 24.

"*Lt.-Col. Prior, Con. Inland Rev., Victoria:*

"Compliments of season. Was sworn in cabinet minister and took my seat in council to-day.

(Sd.) "JOHN F. WOOD."

With the change of a name the sentences about "how unfit," etc., might be brought into service here—but this is Christmas Day!

### TRIBUTE TO COL. PRIOR.

"His Manliness and Straightforward Ability Have Made a Most Favorable Impression."

The Montreal Gazette is the leading paper of the great commercial metropolis, and is habitually cautious in its editorial utterances. On the subject of the affairs of parliament and the members of that body there is no more competent journalistic authority, and the knowledge of this fact gives special value to what the Gazette says of the appointment of Col. Prior, of which it thus speaks in terms of cordial approval:

"The admission of Col. Prior to the Cabinet will strengthen the government in the West, where the gallant Colonel is as popular as he is among his colleagues of the House of Commons. British Columbia has long been crying out for a seat in the cabinet, and the growing importance of the province justifies the demand. Col. Prior's manliness and straightforward ability have made a most favorable impression on all who have met him. Though not a frequent speaker, he is able to give a good account of himself when he does get on his feet, displaying good common sense and a business-like way of looking at things. The fact that he knows when to be silent makes him no less useful or popular in the house, which does not regard its more loquacious members as unmitigated blessings. Sometimes, indeed, there is a tendency to look upon them as unmitigated nuisances."

On the previous day—Monday—the Gazette had said that "Col. Prior is a man who will serve the country well in any capacity he may be asked to act"—at the same time announcing that he had been called to the cabinet, his departmental portfolio to be announced later. This additional news appeared on Tuesday, the same issue as that containing the complimentary editorial reproduced above, in a dispatch headed "Changes in cabinet—Mr. Wood and Col. Prior Are Made Privy Councillors," and proceeding:—

"OTTAWA, December 16.—(Special)—Mr. John F. Wood, the controller of inland revenue, was honored this morning by Sir Mackenzie Bowell with an offer of the office of controller of customs, to which he was appointed temporarily on Saturday, accompanied with appointment to the privy council. The transference of Mr. Wood to the customs department leaves a vacency in the inland revenue department, to which it is understood Col. Prior was appointed today. Besides being controller of inland revenue Col. Prior will also be sworn in as a privy councillor. Before coming to Ottawa to take oath of office he will submit himself to the endorsation of his constituents. The bye-election in Victoria will take place at the earliest possible day, so that the new controller of inland revenue may be in his seat in parliament before the session is far advanced. Col. Prior's opponent lost his deposit, polling only 449 votes, whereas the Colonel polled 1,031. It is altogether likely that there will be no opposition to his re-election under the circumstances.

On Wednesday, for the third issue in succession, the Gazette dealt with the subject. Being well informed the writer saw that the elevation of the holders of the Controllerships to be Cabinet Ministers foreshadowed the restoration of the offices to their old status, and this editorial appeared:

"It is announced that Messrs. Wood and Prior, the new controllers of customs and inland revenue, will be sworn of the Privy Council. It is not known whether this step is intended to be preliminary to restoring these positions to their old status of Cabinet officers, but it seems to be in that direction. The duties of the controllers are quite as important as those which attach to some other Cabinet portfolios, and the present plan must often result in inconvenience if not misunderstanding. It is a little anomalous to have in the same government members who do not hold portfolios, and portfolios which do not have members in the Government Council. The plan of having half-ministers was an experiment, which the public has not yet developed an affection for, and if it was discarded no one would object." Another editorial paragraph in the same issue says:

"The appointment of Lieut.-Colonel Prior to the Controllership of Customs takes away from Ontario another Ministerial position. According to population the big province was rather under-represented in the government even before Mr. Wallace's resignation. The equanimity with which the people accepted the situation will serve as an example to other provinces when their turn to see their favorite statesmen passed over in like manner arrives."

"HAS COME TO STAY."

The Star on Tuesday as on Monday had in its news columns conflicting reports at variance with the facts, one despatch incorrectly asserting that "the only difference is that they will be sworn in members of the Privy Council, so that they may be the better able as privy councillors to consult with the Premier," while another in the same news column declared:

"The report that the Hon. John F. Wood, controller of inland revenue, has been called to the cabinet and will be at the head of the department of customs, gives great satisfaction in Brockville, which he has represented so faithfully and well for many years. His many friends recognize fully that the proud position to which he has risen is due to his strict attention to duty, his high sense of honor and marked administrative ability."

The editor of the Star, however, seemed to have no doubt as to what had been done, for the leading editorial on the same day (Tuesday), under the heading "The Cabinet Changes," says:

"This last little shuffle of the Controllerships and ministerial portfolios results in adding a new Minister with a salary to the cabinet. . . . . The serious point is the addition to the salaried cabinet. Canada is too expensively governed as it is; and there had better be a reduction of than an increase to the Ministry. Another grave phase of the change is the giving of a portfolio to British Columbia. This will almost certainly become a permanent addition to the already unwieldy cabinet, for neither party will like to offend the Pacific province by taking away its portfolio."

### NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Warrant for an Ex-Bank Cashier.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—A warrant has been issued charging Mr. Bousquet, ex-cashier of La Banque du Peuple, with conspiracy to defraud, but it is not supposed it will ever be executed in this city.

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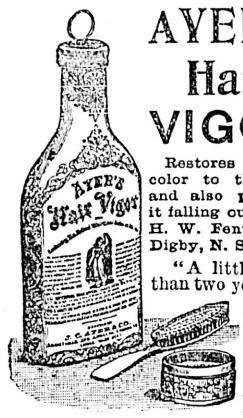

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Metchosin . . . . . December 27
At the Metchosin Hall.

Esquimalt . . . . December 28
At the Blue Ribbon Hall.

Parson's Bridge . . . . January 1
At Price Bros.' Hall.

Victoria Theatre. . . January 3

Other Engagements will be announced.
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